



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on October 16, 2008 at St. Patrick Catholic Community – Administrative Center, 10815 N. 84th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85260.

DeAnn Davies, Council Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 4:08 p.m. and Council Members introduced themselves.

Members Present

Bill Myhr, Dana Vela, DeAnn Davies, Gary Loutzenheiser, Gretchen Jacobs, John Foreman, Patricia VanMaanen, Prabodh Hemmady, Stuart Turgel, Wendy Lyons

Member Absent

Diane Fausel

Guests

Wendy Sabatini, Regional Manager of First Things First Maricopa Region
Three members from the public

Discussion and Possible Acceptance of Needs and Assets Report

There was one item on the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the September 23, 2008 Council meeting. A motion was made by Council Member VanMaanen to adopt the minutes, seconded by Council Member Lyons. Motion approved.

Goals, Strategy, Key Measures

Coordinator Chandler gave an overview of strategies and models that correlate with the Council's seven chosen strategies, along with a sample budget, that could be used to help further develop their Goals, Strategies, and Key Measures. Council Vice Chair Davies provided the Council with information on the Healthy Steps model and outcomes developed by John Hopkins. Coordinator Chandler discussed proposed strategies that were developed after extensive discussion at the last meeting and estimated costs for the services and numbers that could be serviced with the allocation.

There was a discussion session and funding strategies along with their dollar amounts for each strategy.

The council settled on six funded strategies and determined percentages of funding for each strategy. The Council instructed that funding for Strategy Two be set at \$150,000 for each of the three years and be deducted from the total funding allowance for each year before the percentages were applied.

Strategy One – Early Intervention including home visitation and medical provider models to provide early intervention, medical/dental/developmental screening, medical/dental home, application for medical insurance, parent training, literacy support in a comprehensive system that support children to be healthy and ready to learn. (combination of previous strategies 1 and 3) 40% of Funding

Strategy Two - Comprehensive prenatal and birth to three intervention program including home visiting, case management/coordination through the child care center and parent education that focuses on overcoming generational poverty cycles for children and families living on Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation. Funding \$150,000 for each of the three years.

Strategy Three - Provide comprehensive pre-kindergarten programs to increase school readiness. This will focus on providing additional services in areas of the region with no Head Start programs/Title One programs or waiting list for services. 20% of Funding

Strategy Four - Build on the state-wide investments and expand the number of programs participating in the Quality Improvement and Rating System (Quality First!) 10% or less of funding

Strategy Five - Provide behavioral/developmental/mental health consultants to improve early identification of behavioral/developmental/mental health concerns and coordinate the intervention and care management for these children and their families. 20% of Funding

Strategy Six – Focused intervention using behavioral analysis techniques to work with families and children age birth to five who are in crisis due to behavioral, developmental or mental health issue. 10% of funding

A motion was made by Council Member Lyons to accept the strategies and the percent of funding and have Regional Coordinator Chandler to continue to draft funding plan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jacobs. Motion passed.

In an effort to formally complete the funding plan, the November 11 meeting has been moved to November 3 at 4:30, with location to be announced.

Diane Fausel

Coordinator Chandler informed the Council on the status of Council Chair Fausel and her husband who is gravely ill. The council postponed any action on Diane Fausel's status as chairman until a further meeting.

Regional Coordinator's Update Report

None

Call to the Public

None

Adjourn

There being no further business, Council Vice-Chair Davies adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Sharon Layton AA III

Approved:

DeAnn Davies, Regional Council Vice Chair